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SUBJECT: LABOR: CIVIL SERVANTS GRANTED TEN PERCENT
SALARY AND PENSION INCREASE

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1. MINISTER FINANCE PESMAZOGLOU ANNOUNCED AUGUST 30 THAT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF CIVIL SERVANTS INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT. SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF PERSONNEL OF PUBLIC LEGAL ENTITIES FOLLOWING CIVIL SERVICE SALARY SCALE SIMILARLY INCREASED. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE CLEAR THAT PESMAZOGLOU ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AS RESULT HIS PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS. GOG SOURCES ESTIMATED THAT THESE INCREASES WILL RESULT IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET BEING BURDENED WITH EXTRA 1.2 TO 1.5 BILLION DRACHMAS (30 DRACHMAS EQUAL ONE U.S. DOLLAR).

2. PESMAZOGLOU ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED TWO DAYS AFTER SIMILAR MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER LABOR LASKARIS (SEE REFTEL) WHICH PRODUCED INTER ALIA DECISION TO RAISE BY 10 PERCENT MINIMUM DAILY WAGES AND MONTHLY SALARIES FOR UNSKILLED LABOR.

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